

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Lee for the indicated allowability of Claims 9-19. Claims 1-8 directed to the non-elected species are canceled.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the canceled claims.

The Examiner is also thanked for returning initialed copies of the forms PTO-1449 submitted with the two earlier filed Information Disclosure Statement. It is noted that the returned copy of form PTO-1449 submitted with the Second Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 22, 2005 does not include initialing next to the cited U.S. patent. The Examiner is kindly asked to provide another initialed copy of that form PTO-1449 confirming consideration of the U.S. patent.

The comments in the Official Action concerning the Notice of Allowability are noted. As the allowed independent claims in this application use language different than that mentioned in the Official Action, it is understood that the comments in the Official Action are not intended to imply that the allowed claims in this application recite anything different than that which the claims themselves recite.

Early and favorable action with respect to the application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful


in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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